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Registration.

It is the first duty of Americans coming to Korea to reside, to register at the Legation. There is no fee for registration. Lack of attention to this matter may result in inconvenience. It is very necessary in case of death.

Proof of Citizenship.

A passport is the best proof of citizenship.

Passports.

If not provided with a passport on coming to Korea, one should be obtained at the Legation. Korean passports, (Korean visa of an American passport) are necessary before travel in the interior is attempted. Passports are not needed for travel within 100 li (33 miles) of an open port, which includes the distance between Seoul and Chemulpo.

Although Americans are not often asked to show

their passports in Korea, they should not be disregarded, as by treaty, traveling in Korea without a passport renders the American liable to a fine of \$100 Mexican. American passports are good for two years: they cost \$2.00 gold. The Korean visa^d costs \$1.00 gold.

Residence in the Interior.

Residence in the interior is only temporary and upon passport.

Miners.

Miners living within the limits of concessions made to Americans, are provided for by the terms of said concession, and the above remarks as to residence do not apply to them.

Property.

Property can only be owned by Americans in Seoul and the treaty ports, or within ten li (3 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles) of the same.

Land Regulations.

Property lying within the limits of one of the foreign settlements is subject to the Municipal Regulations of the General Foreign Settlement, but property lying within the ten li radius is subject to Korean local regulations.

Deeds.

Deeds for property in and adjacent to the ports

are recorded at the office of the Kamni. In Seoul, the Han Sung Poo or Governor's office, attends to this work. A deed for property purchased by an American must in every case be recorded at the Consulate General, otherwise a proper transfer cannot be made in case of sale, and probable loss may occur in settling an estate.

Money must not be paid on so called quit-claim deeds, which are merely personal papers stating that so-and-so has sold his house of so-many kans. Often these are forgeries and they have been the cause of loss and long contention. Deeds had better be obtained through the Consulate General, as the Korean regulations are liable to change. At present it is not advisable to buy land in Seoul that has not some sort of building upon it for description.

Transfers.

When a proper deed has been secured and the same has been recorded at the Consulate General, a transfer is made by giving a proper American deed, the Korean authorities being duly notified of the transaction.

Mortgages.

Mortgages upon American property must be recorded in connection with the record of said property at the Consulate General.

Authentication.

All legal documents will be certified to at the Legation and Consulate General, over seal. The fee being \$2.00 gold. Contracts, certain Powers of Attorney and some other documents, should be recorded.

Wills.

Wills must be submitted for probate as in the United States. In the absence of a will, the Consul General will take charge of the papers and effects, and settle the estate of an American dying in Korea.

Certificates.

Certificates will be issued if desired, to show that registration has been attended to or that a document is a matter of record at the Legation or Consulate General.

Invoices.

Invoices of goods shipped to the United States, may be had at the Consulate General, but as few ships leave Korean ports direct for America, such goods are usually shipped from China or Japan ports. Fee for triplicate invoice is \$2.50 gold.

Travellers are allowed to take the personal effects and wearing apparel actually in use, into the United States to the value of \$100 gold free of duty providing they accompany the traveller. This does

not include clothing, etc., purchased in the United States, which can be identified as such. These are free over and above the \$100 above mentioned. Invoices are not required for these articles.

Books, household effects, etc., which have been actually in use abroad for not less than one year, can be imported free of duty by persons going to the United States to reside, providing such goods are not for sale and are not for other persons. A certificate covering the inventory of such immigrant's effects may be had for 50 cents gold.

Landing Certificates.

Landing certificates will be issued and are sometimes necessary where a rebate is to be claimed upon articles upon which a "rebate for export" is allowed. Fee \$2.50.

Law Suits

Suits at law wherein an American is the defendant, come before the U. S. Consul General, with the right of appeal in some cases, to the Minister.

When another is the defendant, the case falls before the consul of the defendant.

When a Korean is the defendant recourse must be had to the Korean courts.

Summons to attend court as witness, defendant,

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associate, etc., is as binding as would be the case in the United States, and neglect is punishable.

The provisions of the Common Law of the United States, pertain generally in the U. S. Consular Court in Korea. Printed Regulations for the above court may be had at the Consulate general on the payment of 50 cents silver.

Naturalization.

Naturalized citizens must present their naturalization papers before registering or securing passports. Naturalization is not possible except by residence in the United States. Papers cannot be granted in Korea to cover naturalization in America.

Births and Deaths.

Births and deaths should be recorded at the Legation. Forms similar to those herewith, may be filled out and sent in.

Marriages.

Marriages between Americans in Korea are performed in the presence of the Consul General or the Vice Consul General, by a duly authorized clergyman.

Certificates are given to each of the contracting parties. The fee is \$1.00 gold.

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Destitute Americans.

The Legation and Consulate General is under no obligation to assist or provide for destitute Americans, there being no provision for other than seaman.

Contagious Diseases.

Contagious diseases have to be reported to Washington; it will be appreciated if Americans will kindly report the presence of such diseases to the Legation and Consulate General.

Office Hours.

Further information may be had at the Legation and Consulate General. Office hours 10 A. M. to 4 P. M.

HORACE N. ALLEN,

Minister Resident and Consul General.

U. S. LEGATION
AND
CONSULATE GENERAL,
SEOUL, KOREA,
JANUARY, 1899.

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FORM FOR REGISTRATION.

Date of Registration.

Full name.

Place of birth.

Date of Birth.

Last residence.

Native.

Naturalized.

Occupation.

Evidence of citizenship

(Give No. and date of passport and by whom
issued).

Remarks.

FORM FOR BIRTH REGISTER.

Date of Birth.

Place of birth.

Sex.

Name of father.

Maiden name of mother.

Parentage.—American.

Foreign.

American father, foreign mother.

American mother, foreign father.

Citizenship of either unknown, which?

Race.

Color.

Condition (Premature ; Still-born ; Alive ; Perfect).

Physician.

Remarks.

Signature of one registering.

FORM FOR REGISTER OF DEATH.

Name of deceased.

Date of death.

Place of death.

Date of birth, or age.

Place of birth.

Last residence in the United States.

Sex.

Color or race.

Occupation.

Cause of death.

Name of Physician attending.

(Signature of attending physician is desirable.

If not convenient, have him certify as
below.)

.....KOREA,.....189...

I hereby certify that.....died at
.....of.....on the.....day of
.....189...

Name and title of physician.

SIMPLE FORM FOR A WILL.

SEOUL, KOREA,.....

I, John Henry Smith, hereby make my last Will. I give all the property of which I die possessed, to my wife, Mary Euphonia Smith. I appoint my wife executrix of this Will, without bonds. I give her power to sell all or any of my estate, without an order of Court; and I revoke all the Wills by me heretofore made. I declare that this Will is entirely written, dated, and signed by my hand.

JOHN HENRY SMITH.

{ J. H. S. }
{ SEAL. }

Witness:

Mary Ellen Jones,

Fusan, Korea.

Clement James Brown,

Seoul, Korea.

(This will must be written with pen and ink; typewritten wills are not valid in some states.)

